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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN OF

STRATFORD



YEAR ENDING

JANUARY 31

1925

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF
STRATFORD
FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR
ENDING
JANUARY 31, 1925.

TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR.

John C. Hutchins

TOWN CLERK

Edward B. Fuller

TREASURER

Ralph M. Hutchins

SELECTMEN

John C. Hutchins, Chairman

True G. Martin

Bert Stinson

TAX COLLECTOR

Loyal P. Brown

HEALTH OFFICER.

Albert W. Smith

BOARD OF EDUCATION

John H. Hinman

Hugh H. Johnson

Ralph M. Hutchins

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Eugene S. Foster

SCHOOL TREASURER

Aaron E. Stevens

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Fred E. Cheney

Elva M. Gilbert

Henrietta Merriam

SUPERVISOR OF CHECK LIST

John H. Hinman

Everett C. Brown

William Hapgood

ROAD COMMISSIONERS

William Hapgood

Elwin Hapgood

TRUNK LINE PATROLMEN

James T. Carr

Adolph LeClaire

David McMann

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUND

Ralph M. Hutchins

JUSTICE MUNICIPAL COURT.

James E. Mason

WATER COMMISSIONERS.

John C. Hutchins, Chairman A. Kugelman, Treas.

John H. Hinman Don W. Stevens Wm. Hapgood

LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Herbert F. Watts

COUNTY TRUSTEES.

Warren Dowse

Hazen B. Blodgett

AUDITORS.

James E. Mason

Fred C. Willard

REPRESENTATIVE TO GENERAL COURT

John C. Hutchins

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratford qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Knights of Pythias Hall in the village of North Stratford on Tuesday, the 10th day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1: To elect by ballot and major vote, a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

2: To elect by ballot and major vote, one Selectman to serve for the ensuing three years, five water commissioners, and all other necessary Town Officers.

3: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for repairs of highways and bridges, state aid maintenance and trunk line maintenance.

4: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for town expenses, observance of Memorial Day, sewers, street lights, town libraries, cemeteries, town debt and interest, for use of hydrants for fire protection, and any other necessary moneys to be used by the town.

5: To see if the Town will vote to continue the employment of a night watchman at North Stratford and raise money for the same.

6: To see if the Town will vote to assist the farmers now served by electric light lines by reimbursement for certain construction costs, and to raise money therefor.

7: To see if the Town will vote to observe "Old Home Day" and to raise money for the same.

8: To see if the Town will vote to continue the services of a district nurse, and to raise money for the same.

9: To see if the Town will vote to raise money for the support of the North Stratford band.

10: To make final arrangements for the publication of the Town History together with disposition of the same after completion, and to raise money for the same.

11: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, officers and committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote relative thereto.

Given under our hands and seal at Stratford, this 20th day of February A. D. 1925.

A true copy Attest—

JOHN C. HUTCHINS,
TRUE G. MARTIN,
BERT STINSON.

Selectmen of Stratford.

TOWN BUDGET.

Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year, Jan. 31, 1925 to Jan. 31, 1926 compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the previous year from Jan. 31, 1924 to Jan. 31, 1925.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

FROM STATE:

	Actual 1924	Est. 1925
Railroad Tax	\$4543.77	\$4543.77
Savings Bank Tax	1426.53	1426.53
For highways		
(a) For State Aid Maintenance		11.00
(b) For Trunk Line Maintenance	7000.00	6525.00

FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:

Fines and Forfeits	648.00	500.00
Interest received on Taxes and Deposits	182.00	150.00
State on S. H. Bridge	1531.94	0.00

FROM POLL TAXES, ETC.:

All sources	2685.00	1000.00
Trunk Line Construction	1500.00	0.00
Total Revenue from all sources except property taxes	17985.30	
Amount raised by Property taxes	53000.00	

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:

General Government:

HEALTH

	1924	Est. 1925
Town Officers' Salaries	865.73	1000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	275.46	250.00
Municipal Court Expenses	117.00	125.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

Police Department	1677.42	1000.00
Fire Department	4535.85	4500.00
Health Department	710.00	500.00
Vital Statistics	17.10	17.00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:**State Aid Maintenance:**

State's Contribution	14.00	1100.00
Town's Contribution	14.00	1100.00

Trunk Line Maintenance:

State's Contribution	8756.04	6525.00
Town's Contribution	8,523.50	6,525.00
Town Maintenance	1337.75	2000.00
Street Lighting	920.00	920.00
Winter Roads	95.00	50.00

EDUCATION:

Libraries	600.00	500.00
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CHARITIES:

Town Poor	110.75	50.00
Memorial Day, etc.	200.00	200.00

RECREATION:

Parks and Playgrounds	43.00	50.00
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PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:

Cemeteries	48.00	50.00
Sewer Maintenance	231.20	250.00

INTEREST:

On Temporary Loans	103.00	100.00
On Bonded Debt	67.50	0.00
On long term notes	965.00	900.00

OUTLAY FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION**AND PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS:**

Sidewalks	697.95	0.00
New bridge	4376.68	0.00
Widening curves	1500.00	0.00

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INDEBTEDNESS:

Payment on Principal of Debt, long term	0.00	3000.00
Bonds	5000.00	2000.00

PAYMENT TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL

DIVISIONS:

Polls to State	1074.00	0.00
State Taxes	3795.00	3795.00
County Taxes	5884.32	4000.00
County Poor	486.05	200.00
Bounties	78.20	75.00
School Districts	26821.51	26000.00

INVENTORY OF TOWN.

Lands and Buildings	\$1503293.00
209 Horses	24075.00
2 Asses and Mules	250.00
4 Oxen	300.00
448 Cows	28301.00
21 other Neat Stock	1150.00
24 Sheep	214.00
65 Fowls	65.00
2 Vehicles	150.00
Wood, Lumber, etc. (Laws 1911, Ch. 82)	148976.00
Stock in trade	160383.22
6 Gas Pumps and Tanks	2400.00
Mills and Machinery	24600.00
565 Polls	
Total poll-taxes	2825.00
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Total, Exclusive of Soldier's Exemp.	\$1894157.22
Amount of taxes committed to collector, including poll taxes	\$57795.55
Average rate per cent. of taxation for all purposes	2.90
Amount of real estate, mills and mach. exempted from local taxes	460000.00
Amount exempted to soldiers	10000.00
Names of express companies doing bus- iness in your town, American Railway Express	
Names of tel. companies doing business in your town, Coos.	

National Bank Stock Tax	(Don't know)
Property Tax	\$54934.55
Poll Tax	2825.00

Total amt. committed to collector	\$57759.55
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TAXES LEVIED APRIL 1, 1924.

Town Highways	\$2000.00
State Highways	7000.00
Stratford Hollow Bridge	1000.00
Memorial Day	100.00
Sewers	200.00
Street Lights	920.00
Town History	500.00
Libraries	600.00
Cemeteries	50.00
Hydrants and fire protection	4500.00
Band	400.00
Int. on Town debt	1250.00
Night watchman	1500.00
Sidewalks	600.00
'Old Home Day'	100.00
District Nurse	500.00
State Tax	3795.00
County Tax	5884.32
Support of Schools	25270.00

	\$56169.32
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand	\$ 3317.65
E. B. Fuller, 1924 automobile tax	2130.68
E. B. Fuller, 1925 automobile tax	170.37
New Hampshire State Treasurer	5988.19
Rents, (Tool Shed and Cement Mixer)	83.00
County Treasurer, (County charges)	436.70
E. B. Fuller, 1923 dog taxes	2.10
E. B. Fuller, 1924 dog taxes	82.20
Town of Bloomfield, (Interstate bridge)	70.00
James E. Mason, (Municipal Court Fines)	648.00
Mrs. Fleury, 1923 taxes	10.00
State Highway Department	1689.65
E. B. Fuller, filing fees, 1924 primary	6.00
Damages, (silent police)	83.04
Bloten Amusement Co., (permit)	15.00
Refund on freight, (tarvia)	1.32
N. H. State Treasurer, (bounties)	78.20
L. P. Brown, collector	\$54656.49
Farmers & Traders National Bank on anticipation of Taxes	\$11000.00
Farmers & Traders National Bank, Int. on daily balances	184.66
Farmers & Traders National Bank, Un- earned Interest	33.33
Total amount of Receipts	\$80686.58
Total Disbursements	\$83387.11
Total Receipts	80686.58
Total Deficit	\$2700.53

North Stratford, N. H., Feb. 21, '25.

This is to certify that we have examined the books and accounts of Charles E. Clark and Ralph M. Hutchins, Treas. of the Town of Stratford, year ending January 31, 1925, and find them correctly compiled, and vouchers on file for all monies paid out.

JAMES E. MASON,
FRED C. WILLARD,
Auditors.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Town Officers' Salaries.

John C. Hutchins, Selectman	\$300.00	
John C. Hutchins, Moderator	15.00	
True G. Martin, Selectman	100.00	
Bert Stinson, Selectman	100.00	
L. P. Brown	225.00	
Auditors	10.00	
R. M. Hutchins, Treasurer	25.00	
John H. Hinman, Supervisor	20.00	
E. B. Fuller, Town Clerk	75.00	\$870.00
Officers expenses		275.46

Municipal Court

James E. Mason, salary	100.00	
N. H. Stave & Heading, fuel	17.00	117.00

Police Department

A. E. Stevens, salary and expenses	1677.42
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School Department

A. D. Norcott, Treas.	
A. E. Stevens, Treas	26821.51

Town Poor

Geo. Boucher, keeping tramps	12.50	
Harold Wheeler, funeral	98.25	110.75

Court Expenses

Attorneys, witnesses, stenographers and court expenses	5913.20
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County Poor

H. W. Riff family	378.36	
Harry Elliott family	58.34	
John Jordan family	36.00	
Transportation and expense	13.35	486.05

Interest and Notes

Farmers & Traders Nat. Bk.,		
notes, temp.	10966.67	
Farmers Guaranty Sav. Bk.	275.30	
Lancaster Bank	500.00	
Farmers & Traders Nat. Bk.,		
Interest	100.00	
Farmers Guaranty Sav. Bk.	365.82	
James L. Davidson, Int.	100.00	12307.79

Fire Protection.

Water Commission	4500.00	
Water Troughs and Fountain	35.00	4535.00

Memorial Day

John H. Hinman, Treasurer	50.00	
Wm. H. Kimball, Treas.	50.00	100.00

Old Home Day

John H. Hinman, Treasurer		100.00
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North Stratford Band

Paid Frank A. Smith, Treas.	50.00	
Paid J. A. Belisle	350.00	400.00

Bounties

Bounties		78.20
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Sidewalks

Fred Jordan		697.95
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Parks and Playgrounds

Fred Jordan, setting guns	35.00	
Care of monument	8.00	43.00

Cemeteries

Buzzell King	25.00	
Warren Dowse	18.50	43.50

Town Libraries

F. E. Cheney, Treasurer		600.00
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Insurance

Geo. M. Stevens & Son Co.		136.25
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Town History

Paid Jeannette R. Thompson		250.00
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<i>Printing.</i>		
Coos County Democrat	108.30	
Edson C. Eastman	4.75	113.05
<i>Sewers.</i>		
John C. Hutchins, rental	200.00	
Guy Weston, repairs	31.20	\$231.20
<i>Health Department.</i>		
J. E. Mason, Treas. Dist. Nurse		
Asso.	500.00	
Vital Statistics	17.10	\$517.10
<i>TAXES.</i>		
Coos County Tax		\$5884.32
State Tax	3795.00	
537 polls at \$2.00	1074.00	\$4869.00
<i>Street Lights.</i>		
E. H. Macloon, Mgr.		\$920.00
<i>Fire Department.</i>		
Hinds & Coon, repairing hose		\$5.85
<i>Abatements.</i>		
L. P. Brown, Coll.	285.00	
Wm. F. Nugent, Inc.	116.00	
Wm. H. Pearson	20.95	
Wm. H. Pearson	4.35	\$426.30
<i>Damage by Dogs.</i>		
W. D. Ball, sheep killed by dogs	30.00	
Lefie T. Curtis	7.00	\$37.00
<i>Unclassified.</i>		
Miscellaneous		\$466.54
<i>Town Highway Maintenance.</i>		
Wm. Hapgood, Foreman	352.50	
Elwin Hapgood, Foreman	984.25	
Ernest Curtis, Crown road	3.00	
Adolph LeClaire, winter road	36.00	
John Connary, winter road	5.00	
A. E. Stevens, winter road	35.00	\$1415.75

Special Expenditures.

Paid by State of New Hampshire to Town of Stratford for straightening Dennis Curve center of town.

Wm. Hapgood, foreman, 5d at		
\$5.00	\$ 25.00	
Wm. Douglas, 5d at 3.50	17.50	
Cleveland Jordan, 5d	17.50	
Frank Hapgood, 5d	17.50	
Glen Smith, 5d	17.50	
Leland Smith, 3d	10.50	
Earl McMann, 2d	7.00	
David McMann and team, 5d at		
6.00	30.00	\$142.50

Paid by State of New Hampshire to Town of Stratford for straightening Burnside Curve, Stratford Hollow.

Wm. Hapgood, Foreman, 15d at		
\$5.00	\$ 75.00	
David McMann and team, 12½d		
at 6.00	75.00	
Wm. Douglas, 3d at 3.50	10.50	
Cleveland Jordan, 12d at 3.50	42.00	
Earl McMann, 14d at 3.50	49.00	
Glen Smith, 13½d at 3.50	47.25	
Leland Smith, 13 d at 3.50	45.50	
Albert Curtis, 12½d at 3.50	43.75	
E. C. Brown and team, 14d at 6.00	84.00	
E. C. Brown, 1d	3.50	
Harlan Wheeler, 13½d at 3.50	47.25	
Bert Stinson and team, 14d at 6.00	84.00	
John McDonald, 6d at 3.50	21.00	
Leonard Fisher, 6d at 3.50	21.00	
Frank Hapgood, 13d at 3.50	45.50	
Wm. Hapgood, 2d at 5.00	10.00	
Glen Smith, 2d at 3.50	7.00	
E. C. Brown and team, 3d at 6.00	18.00	

Fred Jordan, truck and man	15.00	\$744.25
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Paid by State of New Hampshire to Town of
Stratford for widening the Parker Curve.

Wm. Hapgood, foreman, 10½d	\$ 53.00	
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Glen Smith, 10½d	36.75	
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Leland Smith, 10½d	47.75	
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Linwood Seavey, 10½d	36.75	
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John O'Donnell, 10½d	36.75	
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Albert Curtis, 10½d	36.75	
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Earl McMann, 10½d	36.75	
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David McMann and team, 10½d at		
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6.00	63.00	
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Everett Brown and team, 10½d	63.00	
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John Parker and team, 10½d	63.00	
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Lewis Parker, 10½d	36.75	
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Wm. Young, 9d	31.50	
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Leonard Fisher, 5d	17.50	\$557.25
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State of New Hampshire to Town of Stratford
for Stratford Hollow State Aid Bridge.

Fred Jordan	\$3557.75	
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Freight on iron	84.60	
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Freight	2.10	
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Under charge on freight	19.80	\$3664.15
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Cash to balance		712.53
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Total cost		\$4376.68
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Paid by Town	\$2845.27	
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Paid by State	1531.41	\$4376.68
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Trunk Line Maintenance.

(Paid by Town)

A. LeClaire, patrolman	\$1836.34	
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David McMann, patrolman	758.78	
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Jas. Carr, patrolman	513.96	
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John C. Hutchins	3336.96	
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John C. Hutchins	1444.00	
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A. LeClaire, also for tarvia	866.00	\$8756.04
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(Paid by State.)

Hedge & Mathers Co.	\$ 309.00	
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Amer. Tar Co.	160.00	
Barrett Co., tarvia	6888.28	
Good Roads Machine Co.	380.00	
Engineering	123.72	
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	62.56	\$8523.56

Due Town by State, \$866.24.

State Aid Maintenance.

David McMann \$18.00

[Paid by State for engineering, \$10.00. State owes Town, \$4.00.]

Stratford Bridge.

John C. Hutchins \$3664.15

[State paid \$712.53 for engineering, plans, channel posts, iron and steel. State owes Town, \$819.41.]

TOWN OF STRATFORD		BALANCE
ASSETS.		
<i>Cash:</i>		
Deficit	\$2700.53	
In hands of trust funds (cemetery)		38.45
In hands of trust funds (Laura Johnson)		350.98
In hands of trust funds (Isaac Johnson)		108.65
<i>Libraries:</i>		
Libraries		2300.81
<i>Accounts due to Town:</i>		
<i>Due from State:</i>		
State aid maintenance		70.71
<i>Other bill due Town:</i>		
From Town of Bloomfield		111.93
Total assets		\$911.53
Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt)		133990.19
Grand Total		134901.72
Net debt, Jan. 31, 1923	140983.09	
	134901.72	
Decrease of debt	\$6992.90	

SHEET

JANUARY 31, 1925

LIABILITIES.

Accounts owed by Town:

Deficit, Jan. 31, 1925	\$2700.53
Unexpended bal. in State Treas.	70.71
Above in town treasury	70.71

Long term notes outstanding:

Dr. Jones' damage suit	5343.45
Factory site, notes	19316.32

Bonds Outstanding:

Water bonds	107000.00
Bonds	4000.00

Grand Total	\$134901.72
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TOWN OF STRATFORD	RECEIPTS AND
Current Revenue:	
From Local Taxes:	
Property taxes, actually collected	\$54446.49
Poll taxes at \$3	1685.00
Taxes of previous year	10.00
From State:	
For state maintenance	14.00
For trunk line maintenance	8756.04
For trunk line construction	1500.00
Interest	17.89
Railroad tax	4543.77
Savings bank tax	1426.53
Bounties	78.20
From County:	
For support of Poor	436.70
From local sources, except taxes:	
Dog licenses	84.30
Business licenses	15.00
Fines and forfeits, municipal court	648.00
Interest from deposits	184.66
Income from trust funds	16.25
Permits for the registration of motor vehicles	2195.18
Total current revenue receipts (forwarded)	<hr/> \$77048.01

PAYMENTS ENDING, JANUARY 31, 1925

Current Maintenance Expenses:

Town officers' salaries	\$865.73
Town officers expenses	275.46
Municipal court	117.00
Police Department	1677.42
Damage by dogs	36.00
Health Department	710.00
Vital statistics	17.10
Sewer maintenance	231.20
State Aid maintenance	14.00
Trunk line maintenacce	10256.04
Town maintenance	1434.75
Street lighting and sprinkling	920.00
Libraries	600.00
Town poor	110.75
County poor	486.05
Memorial Day and Old Home Day	200.00
Parks and Playgrounds	443.00
Cemeteries, including hearse hire	43.50
Damages and legal expenses	5913.20
Water and Electric Utilities	4500.00
Town History	250.00

Total current expenses (forwarded) \$29101.20

RECEIPTS (Continued)

Total receipts brought forward	\$77048.01
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Total Receipts	\$77048.01
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Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1924	3317.65
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Grand Total	\$80365.66
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PAYMENTS (Continued)

Total payments brought forward	\$29101.20
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Interest:

Paid on temporary loan in anti-	
icipation of taxes	\$100.00
Paid on long term notes	1103.47
Total interest payments	\$1203.47

*Outlay for New Construction
and Permanent Improvements:*

Highway and bridges, State	
Aid construction	\$4376.68
Trunk line construction	1500.00
Sidewalk construction	697.95
Total outlay payments	\$6574.63

Indebtedness:

Payment on bonded debt	5000.00
Total indebtedness payments	\$5000.00

*Payments to other Govern-
mental Divisions:*

Taxes paid to State	\$3795.00
Taxes paid to County	5884.32
Poll taxes paid to State	1074.00
Payments to School dist.	26821.51
Total payments to other governmental divisions	37574.83

Total payments for all purposes	\$79454.13
Cash on hand, Jan. 31, 1925	911.53

Grand total	\$80365.66
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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town hall, land and buildings	\$ 2000.00
Furniture, etc	200.00
Libraries, land and buildings	3500.00
Furniture and euipment	100.00
Police and Fire Dept. lands and buildings	6500.00
Equipment	1000.00
Highway department equipment	2000.00
Parks, etc.	3000.00
Water supply	115000.00
Schools, lands and buildings	73800.00
Schools, equipment	10500.00

Total	\$217450.00
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JOHN C. HUTCHINS

BERT STINSON

TRUE G. MARTIN

Selectmen

RALPH M. HUTCHINS, Treasurer.

TRUST FUNDS.

N. D. Piper and Laura Johnson, Cemetery Funds,
Three United States Bonds of \$100. each.

1924

Feb.	1	Balance on hand	\$48.98
Nov.	1	Interest on Bonds	6.00
Dec.	15	Interest on Bonds	6.00

\$60.98

Paid Wm. Fuller, care of Piper
lot, 1924 \$5.00

Paid Wm. Fuller, care of John-
son lot, 1924 5.00

\$10.00

Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1925 \$50.98

Isaac Johnson, Cemetery Fund, Feb. 1, 1924, \$100.

U. S. Bond.

1924

Feb.	1	Balance on hand	\$9.40
Nov.	1	Interest on Bond	4.25

\$13.65

Paid Wm. Fuller, care of I. Johnson lot, '24 5.00

Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1925 \$8.65

Town Cemeteries, Funds.

1924-25.

Feb.	1	Balance on hand	\$38.45
		Cash on hand	38.45

The above accounts are on deposit in The Farmers Guaranty Savings Bank, Colebrook, N. H. drawing interest at Four Percent. Semi-annually.

RALPH M. HUTCHINS,

Treasurer, Town of Stratford, N. H.

LIBRARY REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

1924			
Feb.	1	Cash on hand	\$ 113.00
Mar.	20	Dues and fines	5.00
June	13	Dues and fines	4.00
		Last book	2.50
Aug.	19	Received from town	100.00
Oct.	7	Fines and dues	5.00
	20	Received from town	100.00
Nov.	6	Fines	5.00
Dec.	16	Dues	2.25
	17	Received from town	100.00
	31	Dues and fines	4.00
1925.			
Jan.	31	Received from town	300.00

\$740.75

DISBURSEMENTS.

1924			
Mar.	4	Miss Thompson	\$ 10.00
Apr.	16	Loring, Short & Harmon	4.04
	21	Miss Thompson	10.00
	22	Mrs. Merriam	50.00
May	9	Miss Thompson	10.00
June	13	Miss Thompson	10.00
July	15	Miss Thompson	10.00
		Arthur R. Womrath	2.86
Aug.	19	Miss Thompson	20.00
	19	Mrs. Merriam	40.00
	20	Loring, Short & Harmon	15.57
Sept.	16	Loring, Short & Harmon	4.60

Oct.	7	A. M. Marquis & Co.	6.98
	20	C. Johnson, rent to July 1	60.00
		Mrs. Merriam	15.00
Nov.	6	Miss Thompson	30.00
Dec.	16	Books	2.25
	17	Miss Thompson	30.00
		E. L. Lewis	5.15
		J. Wright, (Mrs. Merriam)	16.00
		J. Ryan, (Mrs. Merriam)	13.00
1925.			
Jan.	21	Loring, Short & Harmon	17.99
	31	Paid for books	1.50
		Mrs. Merriam	50.00
		Miss Thompson	15.00
		C. Johnson, rent to Feb. 1,	60.00
		Cash on hand	230.81

\$740.75

FRED E. CHENEY,
 ELVA M. GILBERT,
 HENRIETTA MERRIAM.
 Library Trustees.

STRATFORD HOLLOW LIBRARY

This year we have been able to finish the work began last year of re-cataloguing and installing the card index system.

While this has been some extra work and expense we feel it has been worth it in making our Library more up-to-date.

We have had only a few new books this year, as our repairs have been heavy, but we now feel we are in a position to greatly add to our accession list and make our Library worth more to the patrons who have made use of it.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. O. MERRIAM,
 Trustee.

STRATFORD LIBRARY.

DEBIT.

1924

Jan.	1	Balance on hand	\$ 8.66
Apr.	22	From Treasurer	50.00
May	1	Rebate from L. S. & Harmon	4.80
Aug.	25	From Treasurer	40.00
Oct.	16	From Treasurer	15.00
Dec.	19	From Treasurer	29.00

 \$117.46

Jan. 31 Treas.

50.00

 \$197.46

1924

CREDIT.

Apr.	10	Library Bureau	\$ 2.00
July	15	Frontier Press	13.50
Sept.	1	Mrs. Ryans	10.00
	15	Library Bureau	16.20
	8	J. S. Beaton	14.30
	5	H. A. Trask	16.05
Dec.	19	Jas. Wright	16.00
	23	J. R. Ryans	13.00
		H. A. Merriam	34.00
July	30	Educator's Assn Bks.	11.60

 \$146.65

Balance

50.81

 \$197.46

HENRIETTE A MERRIAM.

DISTRICT NURSE'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS

1923			
Dec.	3	Town	\$ 500.00
	14	N. H. S. & H. Mill	50.00
	28	Miss Hapgood	52.20
1924			
Feb.	2	Miss Hapgood	63.30
Mar.	4	School	\$500.00
		Miss Hap-	
		good	39.30
			539.30
Apr.	4	Miss Hapgood	37.30
May	5	Miss Hapgood	29.80
	14	Miss Hapgood	17.40
July	3	Miss Hapgood	75.20
	18	N. H. S. & H. M.	75.00
Aug.	5	Miss Hapgood	52.25
Oct.	7	Miss Hapgood	32.10
		Miss Hapgood	28.10
Nov.	11	Town	300.00
Dec.	8	N. H. S. & H. Mill	75.00
1925			
Jan.	14	Miss Hapgood	46.80
Feb.	12	Town	200.00
Total Receipts			<hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$2173.75

DISBURSEMENTS.

Miss Hapgood's Salary:

1924		
Dec.	3	\$250.00
	28	125.00

1923		
Jan.	31	125.00
1924		
Mar.	4	125.00
	29	125.00
Apr.	22	125.00
May	26	125.00
June	21	125.00
July	10	John C. Hutchins Co. 24.74
		Miss Hapgood:
	18	125.00
Sept.	10	125.00
Oct.	7	125.00
Nov.	11	250.00
Jan.	14	125.00
		J. C. H. Co. 7.05
Feb.	12	D. H. 125.00
Total Disbursements		2031.79
Balance Credit		\$141.96
Bk. Book and Bk. Statement Jan 31, '25		\$66.96
<i>Services of Nurse</i>		
Nursing calls, year		595
Night Calls		14
Operations		46
Investigations		20
Obstetric		27
School		136
Total calls		838

Have examined also compared Bank Statement and found to be correct.

F. A. WILLARD, Auditor.

STRATFORD CORNET BAND.

In view of the appropriation made by the town for this Band, it is proper that a report of its activities should be given.

Beginning with the middle of winter, weekly rehearsals were held in the chapel of the Baptist Church. During the five years of our existence we have averaged about 80 per cent. attendance, which is a remarkable record for a volunteer Band.

The Band played on Memorial Day, on Graduation Day, and on Old Home Day.

Concerts have been given on the Band Stand as follows:

June 27; July 11 and 25; August 8 and 22; and September 22. Total of six concerts.

In Stratford Hollow concerts were given on June 20; August 1 and August 15. The last two times no preparation had been made for the concerts, and the Band decided that, since these concerts were for the benefit of the people, if no provisions were made for the people to hear them, they would not go again until sent for.

September 2, we played at the Town House at Stratford Center.

Concerts on the Band Stand were given on the dates advertised unless a storm prevented.

The crowds that came on concert nights show the appreciation of the people.

The Band would be glad to play every week, but that would not give any opportunity for practising new pieces. Being composed of those who work, it is impossible to give more than one night a week for practice; consequently on the weeks of concerts we find it difficult to hold rehearsal also.

For the third consecutive year we have played for the Farmers' Field Day at the Lancaster Fair Ground; and during the season we played at Groveton, July 4th, at Lancaster, August 5th, for the Knight Templar's Field Day, and for the Republican Rally in Lancaster on November 3rd.

EDWARD M. FULLER, Director.

WATER COMMISSIONERS.

(A. Kugelman, Treasurer)

EXPENDITURES.

1924

July	25	Glen Smith, labor	\$ 4.00
		J. C. Hutchins for Guy Weston	34.80
Oct.	31	Lancaster Nat. Bk., Int. on	
		\$5000 note	45.67
		Paid note	1850.00
		Paid coupons	2725.00
		Paid bonds	2000.00
Nov.	3	Siw. Guaranty Sav. Bk.,	
		Int. on \$1850	55.50
		Guy Weston, bill	38.17
		John C. Hutchins, bill	35.00
		Town of Bloomfield, tax	62.78
		Mueller Company, Inc., bill	2.68
		C. M. Johnson, bill	1.25
Dec.	10	C. H. Goss Sup. Co., bill No. 5	4.90
		Hinds & Coon, bill	5.02
		J. C. Hutchins for Guy Weston	4.70
	30	Siw. Guaranty Sav. Bk., Int.	
		on note \$4500	55.00
		Siw. Guaranty Sav. Bank	500.00
	31	William Hapgood, bill	25.00

1925

Jan.	1	Int. omitted on \$4500 note	1.25
	20	Don W. Stevens for collect-	
		ing \$1953.13, 1924 water	
		rents @ 2 per cent.	39.06
	31	Canadian Nat. Railways, bill	6.00

Total	\$7495.78
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 RECEIPTS.

1924		
July	17	Cash turned over \$ 126.12
		Don W. Stevens, '24 water
		rents from July 17, 1924 to
		January 26, 1925 inclusive 2295.63
Aug.	18	Vermont Products Co. 18.80
Oct.	31	Discounted note 5000.00
Dec.	30	Town of Stratford 500.00
	30	Colebrook Hardware Co., sup. 22.10
1925		
Jan.	8	Warner Sugar Refining Co., supplies 143.93
Total		\$8106.58
Total amount of Receipts for 1924		\$8106.58
Total amount of Expenditures for 1924		7495.78

Balance on Hand	\$610.80
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JAS. E. MASON, Treas.

This certifies that this is a correct statement
from original.

JAMES E. MASON,
FRED E. WILLARD,
Auditors.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Stratford qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Knights of Pythias Hall in the village of North Stratford on Tuesday, the 10th day of March next, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following articles:

- 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- 2: To elect a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3: To elect a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
- 4: To elect a Treasurer, two Auditors, and other necessary District Officers for the ensuing year.
- 5: To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise for the support of schools, both Elementary and High, and to take action upon the School Budget recommended by the School Board in their report to the District for the needs of the ensuing fiscal year.
- 6: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, officers and committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relative thereto.

Given under our hand and seal at Stratford this 17th day of February A. D. 1925.

HUGH H. JOHNSON,
JOHN H. HINMAN,
RALPH M. HUTCHINS,
School Board of Stratford.

SCHOOL REPORT.

For financial year beginning July 1, y923 and ending June 30, 1924.

RESOURCES.

Raised at School Meeting:

A tax of \$5 on each \$1000 of equalized valuation \$11052.96

For support of high school 6000.00

For salaries of District officers 700.00

For debt and interest 3270.00

For payment of per capita tax 500.00

For metal window strips at H. S.

building 600.00

For repairs 500.00

For insurance 800.00

For playground equipment 100.00

Received from:

Elementary school tuitions 127.55

High school tuitions 885.00

Sale of gravel 126.50

Refund from State 24.00

State Equalization Fund 923.44

Total	\$25609.45
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Cash on hand at beginning of year	608.35
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Grand total	\$26217.80
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EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of officers	\$ 105.00
Superintendent's excess salary	383.33
Truant officer and school census	19.40
Expenses of administration	95.79
Teachers' salaries	13642.26
Text books	329.11
Scholars' supplies	538.72
Flags and appurtenances	33.29
Other expenses of instruction	148.21
Janitor service	1161.00
Fuel	1742.87
Water, lights and janitors' sup.	189.54
Minor repairs	870.65
Health	500.00
Transportation of pupils	1462.50
Special activities	50.00
Insurance	1140.00
Metal window strips	665.00
Debt and Interest	3202.50
Per capita tax	500.00

 \$26780.17

Overdraft \$562.37

STATISTICS.

Cost of maintaining elementary schools	\$14190.50
Cost of maintaining high school	6478.65
Average membership of elementary schools	199
Average membership of high school	35
Average cost per elementary pupil	71.30
Average cost per high school pupil	185.08

Total number of teachers	12
Graduates of Normal School	8
Graduates of college	3
Visits to schools by school board	23
Visits to school by superintendent	259
Visits to school by citizens	310

It will probably be remembered that one year ago it was estimated that our deficit for the year 1923-24 would be \$1400 and that amount, in addition to the regular appropriations, was raised at the 1924 meeting. When our state aid for 1923-24 arrived it was larger than we had expected, so our overdraft was less than we had estimated.

It looks now as tho the money raised last March will be sufficient to pay the bills of the present year and show a small balance. The voters should take satisfaction and pride in knowing that the last payment on the bonded debt of the school district was paid last August.

Previous to 1919 the school year ended in March. The state law was then changed so that the school year should end June 30th. Under the new arrangement the money raised at the March meeting was to be used in paying bills for the year beginning on the following July first. The State Board of Education recommended that special appropriations be made on the first year that the new law went into effect, to pay bills from March to July first of that special year. At that time conditions were such in Stratford that it seemed more advisable to pay the bills from March to July by borrowing from the next year's appropriation. This has been done each year since that time. Under this arrangement the School District is always in debt to the town for part of the money required to operate the schools from March first to

July first. Now that our bonded debt has been completely paid, the School Board recommends the raising of enough money this year, in addition to the regular appropriations, to cover this old debt so that the money raised in March of each year may remain untouched until the school year actually begins, according to the state law. The amount required to cover this is \$2500.

According to our estimate, the cost of running the schools next year will be approximately the same as during the past year except for the fact that there will be no bonds or interest to pay. The School Board proposes the following budget:

A tax of \$5 on each \$1000 of equalized valuation. (This sum should take care of the teachers' salaries, fuel, janitors, water and lights and for text books and supplies for elementary schools.)

Transportation	\$1800.00
High School	6000.00
Administration	700.00
Per capita tax	500.00
Repairs	1000.00
Playground equipment	100.00
Health	500.00
To cover the expense from March to July	2500.00
New equipment	100.00

HUGH H. JOHNSON,
JOHN H. HINMAN,
RALPH M. HUTCHINS,
School Board of Stratford.

E. S. Foster, Supt. of Schools.

This is to certify that we have examined the account of A. D. Norcott, Treas., for the year ending June 30, 1924 and find them correct.

JAMES E. MASON,
FRED E. WILLARD,
Auditors.

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.

East Stratford, school house and grounds	\$ 4000.00
Stratford Hollow, school house and grounds	5500.00
Stratford Center, school house and grounds	2800.00
North Stratford, school house and grounds	71500.00
Equipment, Furniture, Books and Supplies	10500.00
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	\$94300.00
Liabilities	None

HUGH H. JOHNSON,
JOHN H. HINMAN,
RALPH M. HUTCHINS,
School Board of Stratford, N. H.

VITAL STATISTICS

In compliance with an act of the Legislature passed June, 1877, requiring "Clerks of Towns and Cities to furnish a Transcript of Marriages, Births and Deaths to the Municipal Officers for Publication in the Annual Report," I hereby submit the following. E. B. FULLER, TOWN CLERK.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Stratford for the Year Ending December 31, 1924.

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence at time of Marriage	Color of Each		Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Name of Father	Birthplace of Father	No. Marriage	Name, Residence and official station of person by whom married.
			Age	Years						
Feb 25 NStrat	Joseph Gagne Laur Robichard	Stratford	23 W	18	Laborer	Berlin	Alex Gagne	Canada	1	L. J. Routhier
Mar 12 Stratfd	Geo Macdonald Anna LeBlanc	Stratford	34 W	18	Housework	Berlin	Qenon Robichard	Canada	1	No Stratford
Apr 16 Grov'n	Harold Wheeler Jennie Reardon	Stratford	38 W	38	Housekeeper	Mahe	Jos Steems	Bridgewater Me	2	John Rignans
June 30 NStrat	Edward Duffy Ruth Edaley	Northumb'rd	26 W	19	Laborer	Stratford	Michael Wheeler	Canada	1	CL Carter
July 13 Strat	Mal B Leighton Ada Gordon	Detroit Mich	19 W	19	Cutter Girl	Lempster NH	Geo Reardon	Baltimore Md	1	Groveton
Aug 23 Strat	Earle A Johnson Millie Turner	Stratford	23 W	23	Doctor	Worcester Mass	Edward Duffy	Ireland	1	W J Cavanaugh
Aug 25 Strat	Barsella Emery Mary Perkins	Stratford	34 W	34	Nurse	Stratford	Edw Leighton	Canada	1	Jeffrey
Sept 3 Strat	Wild F Graham Mary P Bidion	Stratford	45 W	45	Farmer	Dummer	Thos Gordon	Dummer	1	John Rignans
Oct 10 Strat	Lester Proof Ruth H Beek	Stratford	36 W	36	Nurse	England	Chas M Johnson	England	1	Stratford
Oct 15 Strat	Harvey Potter Gladys Graham	Berlin	23 W	23	Chauffeur	So Paris Me	Howard Turner	So Paris Me	1	John R Rignans
Oct 14 St Jas	Wm Jos Kay Caroline Dupuis	Newport Vt	13 W	13	Secretary	Lemington Vt	Albert Emery	Dunbarton N B	1	Stratford
Nov 10 Gorham	Wm H Withers Gert de Ingesson	Newport Vt	66 W	66	Farmer	Hartlett	Wm Cumberland	Jackson	3	John Rignans
Dec 20 Grovet'n	John E Russell L L LeMontagne	Island Pond Vt	65 W	65	Nurse	Weston Me	Arthur Graham	St Johns N B	2	Stratford
Dec 23 Coleb'k	HS Schnieberger Annette Cooper	Stratford	26 W	26	Accountant	Wassaw NY	Chas A Ridion	Watertown NY	1	Edward M Fuller
Dec 30 NStrat	Albert E Jacker Olivia Barnett	Forestville Ct	20 W	20	School Teacher	Albama Mich	Joseph Proof	Pan Paer Mich	2	John Chutehins
		Stratford	44 W	44	Millman	Canada	Simon Hitchcock	Canada	2	No Stratford
		Berlin	82 W	82	Housework	Trox Vt	Samuel Potter	Trox Vt	2	J R Rignans
		Newport Vt	42 W	42	Engineer	New York	Frank Jenkins	New York	3	Stratford
		Newport Vt	27 W	27	Housework	Newport Vt	Basile Roy	Canada	1	Joseph Therion
		Island Pond Vt	29 W	29	Fireman	Stratford	Arthur Dupuis	Canada	1	Island Pond Vt
		Stratford	15 W	15	Laborer	Canada	Wm J Withers	Frederickton N B	1	A L Graham
		Stratford	22 W	22	Housework	Jefferson	Richard Russell	Jefferson	1	Graham
		Jefferson	38 W	38	Accountant	Deposit NY	J LeMontagne	Baltimore Md	1	CL Carter
		Stratford	24 W	24	Housework	Athelsten PQ	ASchnieberger	Unknown	1	Groveton
		Stratford	26 W	26	Const Engineer	Chicago Ill	Alex C Cooper	Chicago Ill	1	John K Henderson
		Stratford	23	23	Bookkeeper	Hanover	Chas M Jacker	Hallifax NS	2	Colebrook
		Forestville Ct	46 W	46	Toolmaker	Puresville Ct	Frank Barnett	Germany	1	Illorine A Hider
		Stratford	30 W	30	School Teacher	Stratford		Stratford	1	Groveton

Births Registered in the Town of Stratford for the Year Ending December 31, 1924.

Date of Birth and Name of Child if any	Sex		Condition	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
	Male or Female	No. Child						
Jan 10 Elaine M Dennis	F	1	All White	Neal Earl Dennis	Vivian Blodgett	Farmer	Stratford Canada	Stratford Canada
Feb 15 Marthad June	F	3		Geol Baldwin	Eva Mertel	Plumber	Canada	Michigan
Feb 16 Norman James	M	1		H Montgomery	Alma Lanfrey	Mill Hand	Penn	Penn
Mar 1 Elton Frederick	M	2		Leslie A Shaw	Edna Decker	Mill Hand	Penn	Penn
Mar 22 Thomas Elwood	M	3		Gordon Legacy	Mary Cullen	Laborer	Stratford	Winthrop NY
Mar 23 Betty Louis	F	2		Leslie E Barnett	Ruth Schellenger	Merchant	Potsdam NY	St Regis Falls NY
Apr 19 Carleton Strand	M	1		Walter White	Lottie Tripeny	Laborer	Canada	Stratford
Apr 21	M	1		John R Forbes	Thelma Blodgett	Teamster	Stratford	Stratford
May 10	M	1		David McMann	Lucy Hapgood	Farmer	Newark Vt	Bow
May 30 Riley Francis	M	4		Richard Strong	Martha Cotting	Shoe Maker	Stratford	Columbia
June 3 Charles Donald	M	4		Aaron E Stevens	Flora Hapgood	Farmer	Stratford	St Regis Falls NY
June 8 Ralph Henry	M	1		Henry Thompson	Harriet Tripeny	Laborer	Brushton NY	Berlin Okla
June 15 Lucile Mae Edwin	F	1		Hernead Bronson	Sarah Bell	Laborer	Lowell Vt	Canada
June 23 Raymond Wesley	M	2		Hugh CO Hara	Nellie McPeak	Laborer	Penn	Penn
July 15 Alvin Wesley	M	1		Clayton Ballen	Ina B Varney	Laborer	Concord	Canada
July 25 Jeanne D Arc A	F	6		Thos Fournier	Florida Derost	Chaufeur	Canada	Canada
Aug 9 Gordon Cecil	M	2		John J OHara	Anna Denault	Farmer	Stratford	Stratford
Aug 19 Millie Alice	F	3		Arthur Pevere	Emma Stone	Farmer	Canada	Canada
Aug 25	M	11		Bert Stinson	Gert Hapgood	Barber	Canada	Bloomfield Vt
Aug 26 Victoria Dorothy	F	6		Evan Currier	Oliver Bergeron	Farmer	Stratford	Stratford
May 22 Omer Evangelist	M	2		Henry Cote	Rosie Currier	Farmer	Canada	Canada
Sept 4	F	4		Clifford Parker	Meriella Curtis	Carpenter	Stratford	Stratford
Sept 15	M	10		Adlard Payeur	Clare Rooney	Blacksmith	Canada	Vermont
Sept 15 Leo Adlard	M	13		ZS Cry	Maria Robie	Laborer	Canada	Canada
Sept 15 Jos Leon Alva	M	3		Ernest J Curtis	Mary E Atherton	Farmer	Walden Vt	Stratford
Oct 28 Ethelyn Mae	F	2		Lewis Parker	Fannie Emery	Farmer	Franklin Vt	Stratford
Nov 13 Abel John	M	1		Aldef Leclair	Eva May King	Farmer	PEI	Hastings Eng
Nov 20 Maxine B	F	5		John L Dumphy	Ivy Ethel Noble	Chef	Beddington Me	Columbia
Dec 3 Margaret E	F	3		Neil Farmsworth	Ruth M Hapgood	Clerk		
Dec 8 Phyllis F	F	2						

